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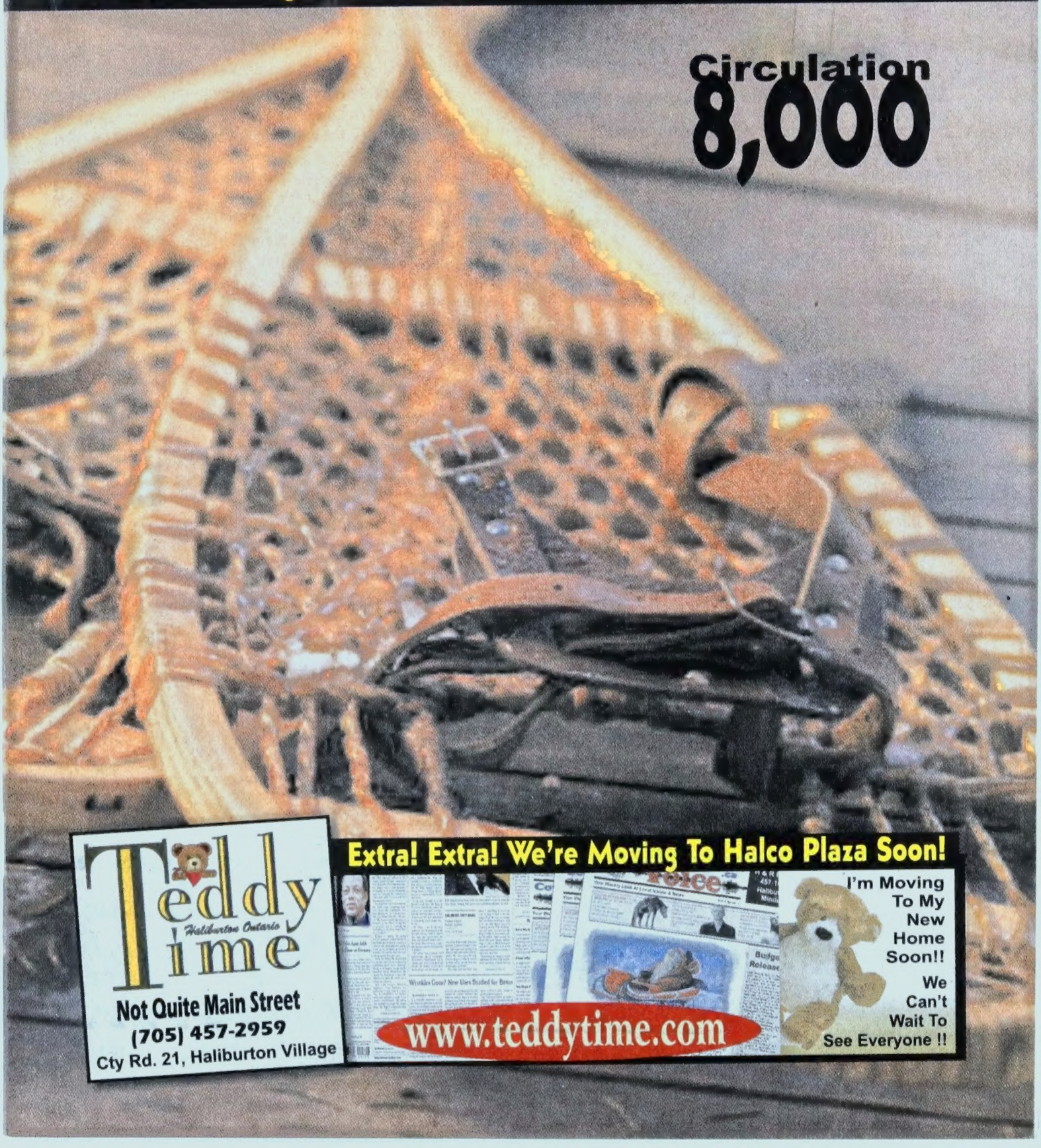

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Minden Emergency Department Renovations

Haliburton Emergency Department Renos To Begin Near End of January

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services is pleased to announce the emergency department at the Minden site will be undergoing extensive renovations for approximately two weeks starting January 7th.

We wish to advise the public that it will be "business as usual" and that all emergency services will be maintained. Access to the emergency department and x-ray will be through the ambulance entrance – watch for signs!

The emergency department renovations are being funded through a government infrastructure renewal program designed to improve facilities for both staff and patient safety. Staff has been involved in the overall concept design.

HHHS wishes to thank the public for their patience during the construction phase and ensures the new enhancements will greatly benefit the delivery of emergency services to the public.

Renovations to the Haliburton Emergency department will begin towards the end of the month.

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Come watch this battle of the cars on a custom built ice track. These races are Not Demolition Derbys, but fully sanctioned (CASC Ontario) races for specially prepared cars.

Sponsored by the Minden Kinsmen Club, the ice races are sure to please all ages. Admission is free and by showing up you will get to see 10 races per event, featuring different classes.

The races (weather permitting) are scheduled as follows: The first event is hosted scheduled for Jan 26 and 27. Each weekend thereafter is a new batch of races hosted by various other clubs including the British-American Race Club – the same club that organizes the Molson Indy in Toronto, and the British Empire Motor Sports Club – one of the oldest clubs in North America.

Races get underway every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday's at 12:00 p.m.

Keep in mind weather conditions – no snow, or if everything is mild and slushy, the race may be cancelled that weekend. If the weather is good – then head on out – it is an event you won't want to miss!

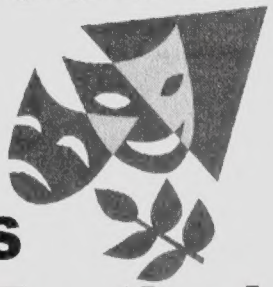
Poker Players - All Invited To Join The Table At Stanhope Fire Department Texas Hold'em Fundraiser

The first quarterly Texas Hold'Em poker game of 2008 will be held at the Stanhope Fire Hall on January 26th starting at 12 noon with registration and the poker game starting at 1:00 pm. Entry is $40 per person which buys you $2,500 in chips of various denominations. There is one buy back into the game within the first hour (that is, if you lose all your chips within the first hour, you can buy your way back into the game for another $40).

There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and the event is licenced under LCBO and insured. For more information or for advance registration, please contact Chris Gooley at 489-2784.

All proceeds go towards the Stanhope Volunteer Fire Department.

Audition Call



Highlands Summer Festival

The Highlands Summer Festival will be holding auditions on January 26 for roles in their 2008 summer productions of

The Foreigner* by Larry Shue *Trying
by Joanna Glass
***Death Trap* by Ira Levin**

We are seeking 9 men playing ages from late teens to 60+ and 5 women playing ages from 18 – 60+.

Auditions will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Audition information packages may be obtained at Baubles 'n Bon Bons in Haliburton or The Storeroom in Minden or by visiting the Festival website at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

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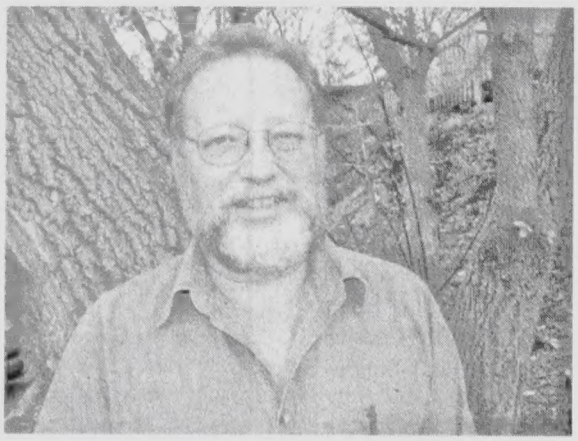
Spotlight On Business

Great Learning and Recreational Tour Experiences, Now a Reality

by George Farrell

I've been crossing paths with Barrie Martin for years now. He's one of those unmistakable Highlanders who is somehow always there-at innumerable functions, musical events, high school performances, and the like. I have been aware of his associations with a variety of committees, usually centering on the environment. Barrie and I have also been exchanging emails for years, and several things that I realized we have in common are a love of the environment, the Highlands, and a mutual wish to promote the area. Our youngest sons are good friends, but Barrie and I had never sat down and talked, until I had the recent opportunity to interview him about his latest endeavors.



Barrie was born in Belleville Ontario, and raised in Tweed. He has lived in the Highlands since 1976, where he trained as a wildlife biologist and education specialist at the Frost Centre for 28 years. He is married to Patricia, who is a municipal planner for Dysart. They have two sons: Aaron, who is recent graduate of University of Waterloo in mechanical engineering, now working with Pratt and Whitney in Montreal; and Adrian, 2nd year in Music Administration at University of Western Ontario.

During the last three years, since his retirement from the Frost Centre, Barrie has been operating his own successful consultancy business, which fittingly focuses on environmental education, and trail developments in the Highlands, and beyond. He is a co-coordinator of Celebration of Trails, and is assisting on a cycling master plan, and a plan around species at risk. He is working on educational programs for Curve lake First Nations through "Out To Learn" with Paul and Irene Heaven. Now, for most people that would be ample sufficient. Barrie however seems to survive on a surfeit of social services, and he is also very much involved in his new venture called ***Experience Haliburton! Yours Outdoors***, and he talked at length about the project.

"Haliburton has a lot to offer," he commences. "I'm trying to put together single and multi-day packages that would allow people to deliver Haliburton in unique ways. I'm responding to market trends where travelers are looking for shorter visits (2-3days), and looking to connect with local characters and communities. The tourism industry has identified that as a growing area of tourism."

"I'm working with Trails and Tours and with the County Tourism Department," Barrie continues. There's a whole initiative to develop experience packages for Haliburton County. The County Tourism department put out a call for experience packages in the spring of this year. In response I submitted 3 packages which are already

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Yours Outdoors Offers Great Local Adventures

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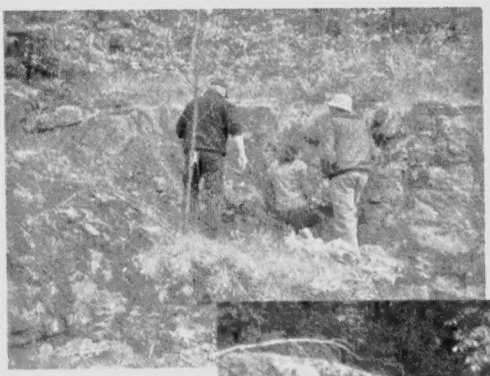
available; Peddle Your Arts, Haliburton Rocks, and Tastes of Haliburton. This is really an extension of what I've always done in provincial parks and the Frost Centre."



I ask him how people are going to find out about these specialty packages. "I'm in the process of developing a website to describe these experience packages," he responds. "Another source is trailsandtours.com.; just click on Experience Haliburton."

Although Barrie admits that these tours are aimed at higher income individuals, families and groups, "these packages can also be for people living in the Highlands. There are lots of people here, who don't know a great deal about our county, and this is a way for them to find out.

Barrie points out that although most of the packages have accommodations built in, it's an option, and locals would not need to take advantage of a night or two at Sunny Rock B&B, for instance. Unless of course they opted to.

The package tours will include all the seasons, and information regarding all the tours can be found on the Trails and Tours Website. Here's an example of some of what you will find on the website, with an accompanying outline of a winter tour called

Walk Into Winter.

'Experience Haliburton! Yours Outdoors is a new dynamic company that provides high quality authentic learning and recreational experiences for travelers and residents wishing to discover the natural and cultural heritage of the Haliburton Highlands.

Yours Outdoors experiences are designed for individuals, couples and small groups who are looking for unique single and multi day adventures that explore art, history, ecology, and the fine folk, food and hospitality of the Highlands. Three packages created by Yours Outdoors are: Haliburton Rocks, Peddle Your Arts and A Taste of Haliburton. These experiences can be customized and extended to meet your needs and interests.

Other packages under development include Some Like it Hot, Getting' High in the Highlands, Photo Hunt, Musical Adventures, and Snowshoe Haliburton, to mention a few.'

Walk Into Winter - Snowshoe Haliburton

Dates: Offered now until March 16, 2008
Duration: 1 day, two nights (longer experiences can be arranged). This package is also available as a day program without accommodation.
Price: To be determined

Walk into winter ..... on snowshoes. Explore the winter wilds of the Haliburton Highlands with a winter travel expert and a wildlife biologist. Start your day with an introduction to snowshoes – history, types, techniques, and tips. After some practice you will head out on a wilderness walk to discover the ecology of winter and the finer points of winter travel and survival. You will also enjoy some good stories, warm hospitality, and a tasty bush lunch prepared over a campfire. Bring along your own snowshoes or we can provide them.

In addition to this experience, we can provide other exciting snowshoeing adventures just for you including:

Step Back into Canada's History: Snowshoe along the Oxtongue Creek and through a deer wintering area to the Crooked House, a heritage log cabin. Joanne and Mike Buss will be your hosts for a sumptuous lunch. Discover an important part of Haliburton's heritage with Mike as he shares his stories, facts and artefacts about the 18th and 19th century fur trade.

On the Trap Line: Snowshoe a trap line with a local trapper and discover a fascinating yet controversial aspect of the Highlands culture. You will learn about the habits and habitats of fur bearing animals, how they are trapped and how the furs are prepared for market.

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Health Services Topic of Upcoming Community Forum in Minden

Health Services in Minden will be the next topic of the on-going Minden Community Forum's.

The upcoming forum is being held Wednesday January 16th at 7:30pm at Minden United Church.

The topic of the evening has had considerable Minden community attention over the past years, and still has. Janice Hardy, Acting CEO of "Haliburton Highlands Health Services" will be presenting an overview looking at goals, recruitment of doctors and Highland Crest, amongst other items. Beth Archibald, Executive Director of "Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team" will tell us about their new health services available to our community. Jack Brezina will be Moderator.

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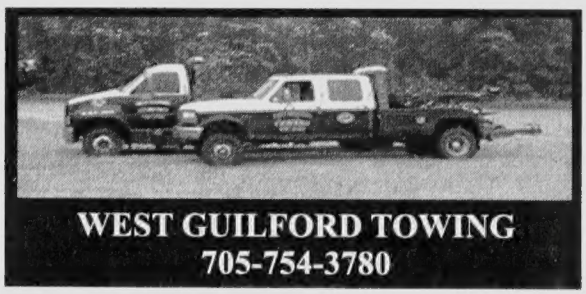
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Building the Perfect Snowshoe: See how snowshoes are made, the traditional way, at the hands of a skilled craftsman, Rick Nash. We will visit Rick at his workshop. Shy and modest, Rick will need a little coaxing to reveal his amazing knowledge of aboriginal traditions and technologies.

More Great Programs Coming...

Barrie Martin is justifiably proud that Haliburton County chose the tours *Peddle Your Arts*, and *Haliburton Rocks* for inclusion in the County's submission in the Great Falls Drive Program, which means the information on these tours gets posted in a slick, government of Ontario booklet. Information on the same two tours is also published in a supplement of Canadian Geographic magazine. "These tours have been field-tested by tourist accommodators, and tourist's representatives," says Barrie. "We evaluated the input and made changes, so we know that the product is good. We are continuing talks with a wide variety of accommodators and partnering with them." The 'we' Barrie refers to includes colleagues Rick Whitteker and Sean Pennylegion.

All the packages are fully guided by experienced guides, who are knowledgeable about the county. You can spend time with such people as research biologists, geologists, wine makers, maple syrup producers, and outstanding musicians. You can even record your own music during your time at a local recording studio, or help to program your own musical choices on the program 'By Request,' which will come about by a partnership with local radio station Canoe FM.

These tour packages are a great way for locals and tourists alike, to discover the Haliburton Highlands- the land and lakes, how we live, some of what we do, and what helps to make us who we are. The ultimate aim is to be better known, and if Barrie Martin has any say in it, and he does, we're going to be known a whole lot better than we are now.

To find out more about these great, four-seasons learning and recreational tour experiences, contact Barrie Martin (705) 754-3436, barrie.martin@sympatico.ca or www.trailsandtours.com

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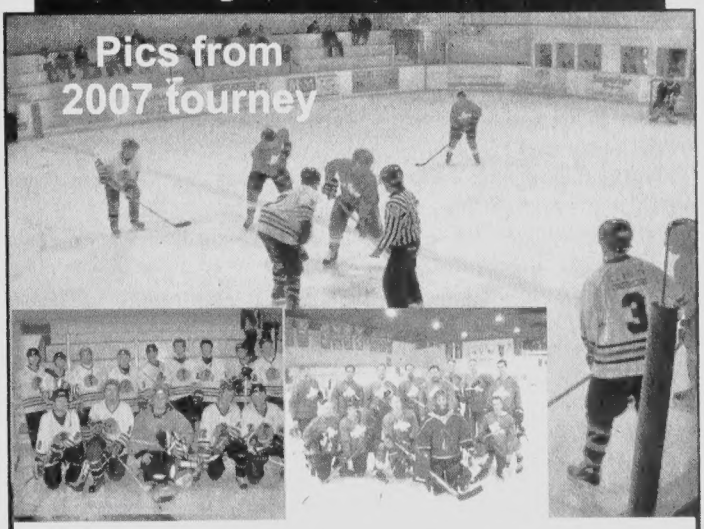

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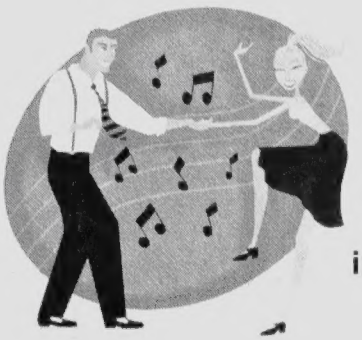

DJ dance and refreshments available both Friday and Saturday nights upstairs in the Haliburton Arena.

Charities to benefit will be the 4C's of Haliburton & Minden Food Bank

There are still a couple of spaces left for teams Applications available at www.hchba.ca or by calling 457-2629.

IN THE LOCKER ROOM

By Terrance Gavan

Technology is Running Amok

What the heck is with these high-tech snowshoes?

I went into a Sports Store a few weeks ago looking for a present for a friend.

My attention was immediately drawn to a smart-looking display in the winter sports section. I called the salesman over.

"What the heck are these," I asked, pointing to the neatly stacked piles of aluminum footgear. The colors occupied every niche of a rainbow. Gargantuan posters boasted pictures of intrepid wanderers plastered against wide Nordic vistas. Another poster showed four explorers treading a broad pastiche of cloud.

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My salesman Ricky was on me like burrs on a Collie.

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"Wait," I said. "Some Swedish guy ran a 100-meter dash in snowshoes? Why?"

"Well, because Adidas came out with a brand of snowshoes and said they were the fastest. They put Ben Johnson in them and he ran 100 meters in something like 15 seconds flat… sooo, Expedition Snowshoes wanted to prove that their snowshoes were faster."

"What does that mean… really," I asked.

My salesman was absolutely unflappable.

"Well, it proves that these Expedition Snowshoes are technologically better than the Adidas brand. Faster is better and Expedition is superior to Adidas by 2.45 seconds."

"Where is Sven from," I asked.

"Sweden. He's 24 and he grew up luging, heli-skiing, wrestling polar bears, herding reindeer and bobsledding on the Nordankst Fjord."

"Do you know where Ben Johnson is from?" I asked.

"Of course," said Ricky, my apparently imperturbable sales associate. "He's from Jamaica."

"Ricky," I said. "Do you happen to know… just for the spits and giggles… how much snow falls in Jamaica on a yearly basis?"

"Well not as much as Sweden, and that's for sure, but then again… Ben Johnson lived in Toronto for a long time and he did hold the world record in the 100 meters for a few days."

Well I had to admit, Ricky was no slouch.

But, I was still a little hazy on the speed thing.

"Look Ricky… I'm all for technology and the more I look at it, I am ***really*** liking that powder blue model and the matching SuperTEK SnowRunner with the easy-lace system and symmetrical Gore-Tex seams… but I digress… I still haven't figured out what snowshoeing has to do with speed… Tell me again why I need to go fast?"

"Sooo… let's say for instance you're out on the arctic ice and you spot a polar bear, and you're 100 meters from your igloo," says Ricky. "Would you feel safer on these powder blue Tech-One Expeditions on or a pair of those clunky, heavy-footed Adidas Slush-Doggies? It's times like these, *and we live in dangerous times*, when you need the added security of a technologically superior product."

"Yeah, by god Ricky you have a point. That extra 2.45 seconds could mean the difference between sitting pretty in my igloo and becoming a burly polar bear's next meal… Let's wrap up a pair of those with the matching SuperTEK SnowRunner boots… and while we're at it Ricky… I wonder if you could give me the 411 on that new Alabama Slamma Jamma SuperTEKNO Driver over in the golf section."

"Ahhh," says Ricky, "You sir, know your golf. Magic, pure unadulterated magic. Titanium head, wound Vesuvian Kevlar with an over layer of graphite-enforced platinum. This baby has the biggest sweet spot of any driver on the market today. Russian Cosmonaut Valeri Woodinski recently took an Alabama Slamma Jamma and drove a Titleist TechnoZoom 500 ball from the roof of the MIR Space Station and it traveled over 5,245 miles on a rope."

"And let's say Ricky my boy… just for giggles… that I didn't make it to the igloo… but had a Slamma Jamma with me on the tundra."

"Ah no fear," says Ricky, "I see where you're going here. The Alabama Slamma Jamma was tested recently and is guaranteed to drop a charging Rhino at full charge… like I said… biggest sweet spot on the tour today. That polar bear wouldn't stand a snowball's chance."

"Ah, I like you Ricky, wrap it all up… and yes, I do have Air Miles."

At The Push Of A Button Charity Hockey Tournament

"At the Push of a Button Charity Hockey Tournament" is taking place on Saturday, February 9th and Sunday the 10th at the Minden Arena with celebrity guests including CBC Newscaster Tom Harrington and James Riley of the Canadian Amputee Team.

Hurry now…team registration closes January 19th. All players must be 18 and over. Information and registration forms are available online at communitycarehaliburton.com or call 457-2941.

This tournament is organized by students in the Event Management course at Sir Sandford Fleming College with proceeds going to Community Care Haliburton County. See you At the Push of a Button Charity Hockey Tournament in Minden on February 9th and 10th.

More Great Hockey Action Coming Your Way

Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the hockey excitement on January 25 – 27th, as teams take to the ice for the 10th annual Home Builders Charity Hockey Tournament in Haliburton. Some tournament games will also take place at the Wilberforce Arena on Saturday. Admission to watch is by donation. There will also be a licensed bar upstairs in the Haliburton Arena open during the tournament and a dance featuring DJ music Friday and Saturday nights.

The games get underway at approximately 6 p.m. on the Friday. Finals conclude on the Sunday around 5 p.m.

Proceeds from this worthwhile cause go to the 4c's for the Haliburton County & Minden Food Banks. Aggie explains that they chose this charity because, "after Christmas, there isn't much food left in the food bank. We, the Home Builders association, like to be involved in the community and we felt this was a very worthwhile cause."

For more information contact Aggie at 457-2629. You can also check the website at www.hchba.ca

Dumb Criminals

Dumb Criminals

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS: There were two breaks for police investigating a mugging at a shopping mall in Lanarkshire, Scotland. First, the crime was captured on the shopping center's security cameras. Second, the recording clearly shows the perpetrator's sports jersey with the name CAIRNEY in huge letters across the back. Stephen Cairney, 24, was quickly apprehended and confessed to the robbery. Police described him as "a million miles away from being a criminal mastermind." He was sentenced to 15 months of probation.

BANKING ON IT II: After being held up several months ago, the Farmer's State Bank of Versailles, Ill., installed a locking door and requires customers to be "buzzed in" one at a time by bank employees. But they refused to buzz in a man trying to get in, probably because they were a tad suspicious of the ski mask he was wearing. They called police instead. Gordon A. Bryant, 70, who was released from federal prison in December after serving time for bank robbery, was arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery. ...Next time he's released, let's hope he gets up-to-date on tactics before he returns to work.

ATTENTION KNITTERS

Need help with your knitting, or want to start a more challenging project for the New Year and need some help?

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Scientifically Speaking

What When Where Why How

Why does a compass always point north?

Did you know that you're whirling through space on a magnet? Yes, the earth is a powerful magnet. A compass needle is also a magnet, through a very time one. The north seeking pole of the compass needle can't help but be attracted to the north pole of the earth

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Easing the Tax Burden for Everyone

by M.P. Barry Devolin

Whether buying a coffee or a new home, a computer or a car, you will find that there will be less taxing in 2008. The Government of Canada is ringing in the New Year with another GST cut. We are reducing the GST from six to five per cent beginning on January 1, 2008, the second GST cut in less than two years.

Our government promised to reduce the GST and we are delivering.

A GST cut will benefit all Canadians regardless of their age or income. It will improve consumer confidence, encourage business growth and strengthen the Canadian economy.

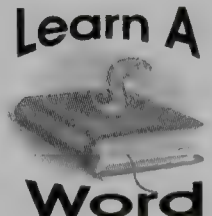
The total savings from the 2-percentage-point reduction will amount to approximately $12 billion next year. For people here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and throughout Canada that is more money in their pocket to spend, invest or save.

The savings to individuals and families will be significant.
A family spending $10,000 on home renovations in Cannington will save $200 in GST.
A family spending $30,000 on a new minivan in Millbrook will save $600 in GST.

Although the Government is reducing the GST by 2 percent, the GST credit will remain at its current level, translating into $1.1 billion in benefits for low income Canadians each and every year.

Since coming to office nearly two years ago, we have provided relief in all aspects of Government tax collection. Whether it be personal taxes, consumption taxes, excise taxes, or business taxes, more than 60 tax cuts in total have been introduced since 2006. Among these tax cuts is a commitment to reduce the federal business income tax rate from 22 per cent this year to 15 per cent by 2012. This will make Canada's business income tax rate the lowest among the major developed economies.

Our Government is establishing a proud legacy of tax relief. This is an achievement we can all be proud of. Our Government is putting Canadians first and managing the economy in an effective and responsible way.



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Minden Office will be opening soon!!

Stop by the office to say hi!!

An official Grand Opening will be announced soon!!

Note: All Communicator phone numbers & emails remain the same.
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The Rails End Gallery Presents...

Adam Lodzinski: Photographic Abstractions

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, Haliburton, January 19 - March 22, 2008. Opening Reception and Artist Talk: Saturday January 19, 2 - 4 pm; Artist Talk, 3pm

Lodzinski's series of photographic abstractions, where light itself is the protagonist, take us beyond conventional ideas about photography and what a photograph should be of. Since 1999 this photographer has been exploring how photography can contribute to abstraction on its own terms and in ways that are unique to the medium.

Be sure not to miss this exhibit at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre in Haliburton on January 19 – 22. Meet the photographer in person on Saturday, January 19 from 2 – 4 p.m.

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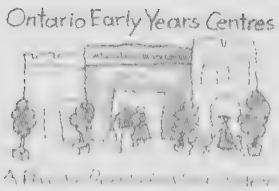

Ontario Early Years Events

January 7 the Minden and Haliburton OEYC are open again at our regular hours of Mon. to Thurs. from 9:30am. to 1:00 pm.

Minden and Haliburton OEYC .Come and join us for Literacy Day on Sat. Jan. 26 from 10am- 1pm. There will be circle time, a book making craft. Each child will receive a new book to take home. We hope to see you there!

Minden OEYC Tuesday January 29 Bev Jackson will be here to share the story of **Bears Snores On.**
You and your child will have fun taking part in the bear themed activities.

Play and Learn - Jan 10 and 24 - For families with children 0 to 6 years. Activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more!

The RAPP (reading and parent program) is starting in January. Bev Jackson the Early Literacy Specialist will join us for a talk on Jan. 24. At Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. For more information phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

From Lullabies to Literacy - January 21 - March 3 - For parents & children 0-6 years Come for a relaxed morning to help your child to love books through activities, songs and stories. Location to be announced. Please pre-register at 286-4625 - **10:30 am - 12:00 pm.** (in partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents).

Family Swim - Jan 31; Feb 28; March 27 - For parents and children 0-6 years, sponsored by the **Pinestone Inn** - 3 sessions of splishing, splashing, and playing at the Pinestone Inn pool. Please pre-register at 286-4625 or oeycparented@bellnet.ca - **10:30 am - 11:30 am** (in partnership with Pinestone Inn).

You Make the Difference - Jan 25 – April 4 - For parents & children 0-6 years - These 10 sessions will help your child learn language and feel good about themselves. **At the Minden Ontario Early Years Centre** - Please pre-register at 286-4625 - **10:00 am - 12:00 pm** (in partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents).

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If Santa missed you, the annual Christmas sale of Highlands Summer Festival season passes continues until January 15. Passes to any four of the company's seven dramatic presentations and concerts, are available for $80. Patrons can add to the pass to include other productions in the schedule at a cost of $20 per show. This is a saving of 20%. Regular ticket price is $25.

The pass can include any of the following seven productions planned for the 2008 season: The Foreigner, a comedy; Under the Influence, a concert featuring Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and harpist Dawna Coleman; Trying, a touching drama by Canadian Joanna Glass; Double Trouble: a concert featuring Melissa Stephens and two dueling young singers; Deathtrap, a thriller.

And from the very successful Highlands Opera Studio: Opera Excerpts Concert, August 15; and Three Fantastic Nights of Opera.

Passes are available from the Highlands Summer Festival box office at 705-457-9933 or at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton and The Storeroom in Minden. This special offer is available until January 15, 2008.

Do something dramatic this summer!

Friends of the Highlands Summer Festival

Over the past year there have been changes to the Highlands Summer Festival. After 8 years as an independent entity, the shareholders voted to change to a not-for-profit charitable organization. The change will have little immediate impact of the artistic presentations of the Festival, but will, however, affect the company's ability to fund-raise. As a charity, the Festival will be able to issue tax receipts for donations. In addition, supporters who donate $50 or more will become members of the Highlands Summer Festival, entitling these individuals to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. There will likely be other perks for Members,. These will be announced as the Festival evolves under its new structure.

Through the efforts of Friend of the Highlands Summer Festival, over $10,000 has been invested in the past year to help the Festival grow. In addition to the many contributions received from members, the organization hosted a 50/50 draw during each performance last season.

A large portion of he proceeds raised is invested in the infrastructure of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, improving the facility for all users. Over the past few years, Friends of the Highlands Summer Festival have assisted in the purchase of a variety of lighting instruments, a theatrical fog machine, and a musical electronic keyboard. They have also helped the Festival cover the costs of professional directors and actors.

For more information, you can visit www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca or call, 457-9933.

If you are interested in supporting the production of live theatre in the Haliburton Highlands, then why not join the Friends – for a membership donation as low as $50, you can help enhance the annual Festival and improve the facilities.

To become a friend of the Highlands Summer Festival, contact 457-9933.

Calling All Actors.... Auditions Being Held in January

Highlands Summer Festival: Auditions for 2008 Season
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton, January 26.

The Highlands Summer Festival will be holding auditions for its summer 2008 season on January 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

This year they are providing a wide range of opportunities for both men and women. Audition packages and scripts are available. For details on the auditons and roles requried, see pg. 3 of this issue. Or, for further information, call David Mills at 705-754-2999.

A Little Bit of Everything

Happy New Year 2008

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patronage all throughout 2007. Your friendship and encouragement have meant the world to us. We look forward to seeing you again, and would like to welcome new friends in the coming year.
In 2008 we wish you and your families peace, health, happiness and success, in everything you do.

Happy New Year from Debbie, Ira & Joanne

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Jory Nash and Buddy Mondlock coming to Haliburton

The Haliburton County Folk Society presents Jory Nash and Buddy Mondlock on Friday January 25 at 8:00 pm at the Haliburton County Museum. Tickets are $15 and are available at the York St Internet Café (behind Stedman's Mall on York St.) or Golden Stationers in Minden.

Jory Nash blends elements of folk, jazz, blues, soul and pop into an original stew of sound. He has recorded 5 critically-acclaimed CDs. His most recent CD is called "FolkJazzBlues&Soul", which was released in 2007. A master storyteller and a lover of hats, Jory tours across North America, playing mostly solo. Acoustic guitar, piano and banjo are Jory's main instruments. Jory is a fixture on the summerfolk festival circuit, having played at Hillside, Summerfolk, Mariposa, Winterfolk, Toronto City Roots, Home County, Live From The Rock, Shelter Valley. Jory's music can often be heard on CBC Radio, and on college stations across North America. http://www.myspace.com/jorynash

Buddy Mondlock's songs have been recorded by Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith, Garth Brooks, Joan Baez, Peter, Paul & Mary, Janis Ian, David Wilcox, Edwin McCain, Cry, Cry, Cry... the list goes on. He has recorded five CDs including "Everything Waits To Be Noticed," a songwriting and recording collaboration with Maia Sharp and Art Garfunkel. His most recent is "The Edge of the World. Here's what others have said of him: "Buddy Mondlock is the most startling new songwriting talent I've heard this year. This guy is an American Original, a folk poet whose vision veers effortlessly from wild witticism to soul-piercing insights. Living proof that the troubadour tradition sings on."
http://www.myspace.com/buddymondlock

Post Cards For Haliburton County

Thanks To Art-Full Haliburton Highlands Photo Competition

Postcards are a popular item for visitors to any area, and now Haliburton County will have an additional selection to choose from thanks to a recent photo competition.

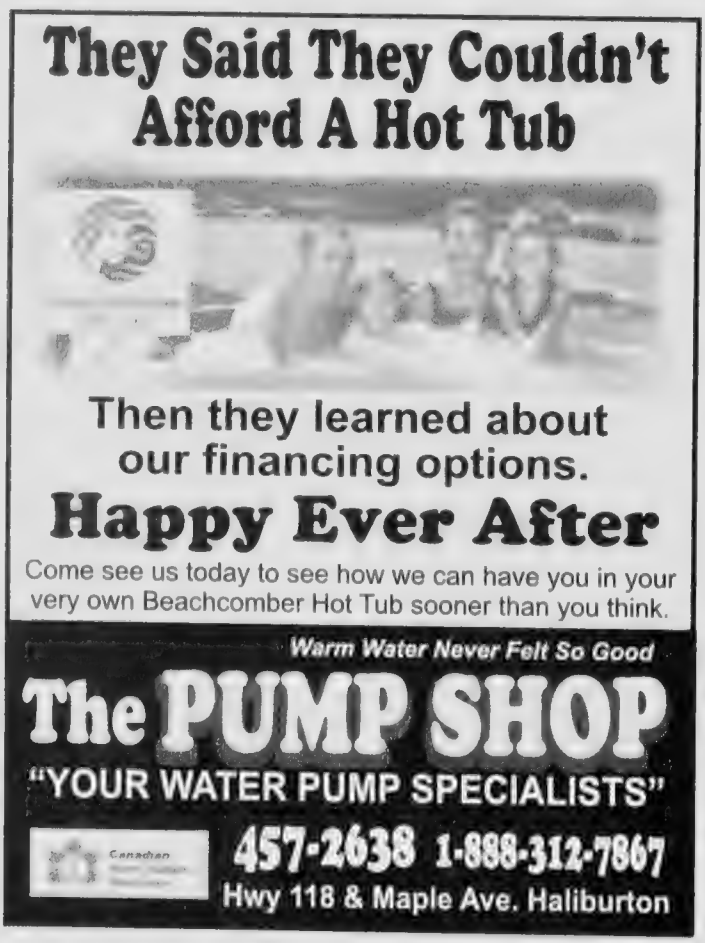
A total of 98 photographs were submitted by 22 photographers. Eight individuals from a variety of backgrounds formed a panel to select 12 photographs for the recently held Art-Full Haliburton Highlands postcard series competition. The panel made their choices based on the artfulness of the image, the technical quality of the photograph and the suitability of the image for use as a postcard.

It took the panel four rounds of judging before they arrived at the final 12. They had some very difficult choices among many outstanding photographs of the Haliburton Highlands.

The photographers whose work was selected by the panel are: Kathleen Bowser (1 image), Lyn Winans (4 images), Gord Harrison (2 images), Barbara Koch (2 images), Greg Pichnej (2 images) and Tim Tofflemire (1 image). The twelve selected images will be developed into a postcard series that will promote the Highlands and raise funds for the Artists-in-the-Schools program.

The postcards will be printed in time for distribution by the end of March.

Once again, congratulations to the winning photographers who took the time and interest to enter this competition and captured the beauty and creativity of the Haliburton Highlands.



New Business *Introducing ...*

Harris Stamps

The 'Stamp Guy' Brian Chambers has come home, and he's bought his business with him.

Brian grew up just south of Carnarvon, and he attended school in Minden and Haliburton. Upon graduation from high school he attended Loyalist College where he studied Environmental Science. He worked for the Ministry of the Environment, out of London Ontario, for 32 years. Brian has 2 children, Scott 30 and Tara 25.

"Health reasons bought me back,' Brian says. "I took early retirement in 2002, and I bought Harris Stamps two years ago". The company was established in 1991 in London, Ontario. It operated continuously until November 2005 when the original owner retired and Brian assumed management. "I operated the business out of Dutton, near London, for those two years. In October 2007 I moved the business to the Haliburton Highlands. This has allowed me to take a family member as a partner, and diversify from a rubber stamp manufacturer to general laser engraving. The business has improved since I moved back to the Highlands, and I also feel better emotionally and spiritually-I never did like living in Southern Ontario."

The Process

In the basement of the house where he lives Brian has a simple set-up that allows him, via a laser printer, to manufacture everything from industrial inspector stamps, to the traditional wooden handled rubber stamps, which require an ink pad. He explains the process. "The stamps are basically produced at the design stage through a graphics program on the computer, and then outputted to a laser machine, which is a big printer. It prints on rubber, and removes the low points. The image is engraved and cut on the laser printer in incredible detail, and then the residue is washed off the rubber. The rubber is dried, and then mounted on the self inking stamp, or on the traditional wood stamp." Traditional wooden or hand stamps are used in home, office and industrial applications and offer an economical alternative to modern self inking and pre-inked mounts.

Products

Harris Stamps manufacture their custom rubber stamps on Trodat self inking and hand stamp mounts. Trodat is one of the most respected and innovative companies in the office products category. Brian's laser will also engrave plastic sheets for making name tags. On the back of the tags he attaches the pins which hold the tags to garments." He also makes additional identification products such as office signs and industrial legend plates. In addition to rubber and plastic, "I can also engrave on wood, stainless steel and brass," Brian states. "Those applications are good for things like plaques and trophies."

The uses for Brian's products are endless; commission stamps which can include those made for municipalities and legal applications, signature stamps, commercial business stamps, personalized name plates, personalized key chains, date received, daters of all sizes, and art stamps. You need a personal stamp, and Brian can probably make it for you.

Harris Stamp has retained some commercial and industrial accounts from the London area. So far local applications have centred on the commercial and business end of things. " I have to work on getting

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Frost Centre Dining Hall, Hwy 35, between Dorset & Carnarvon, Monday, January 14, 7:00pm

With 50% of the County's libraries slated for closure, the Algonquin Co-operative has organized a special meeting to inform residents and cottagers of the planned changes and how your tax dollars will be spent to facilitate these closures. Many concerned people are extending their support in opposition to the closures, but we need you too.

All residents, children and cottagers in Algonquin Highlands are invited. Representatives from Haliburton townships are welcome.

For more information you can contact someone from the Algonquin Co-operative, 705-766-2170.

Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others.

Snowarama

January 26 at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve

Rev up those snow machines – dress warm – and enjoy a day on the trails while helping a great cause at this year's Snowarama. A portion of the monies raised will go to physically challenged children in Haliburton County while the rest goes to Easter Seal Kids. You might even win a GREAT prize!!

This annual event, sponsored by the Haliburton Rotary Club, takes place at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve on Saturday, January 26. This is a 75-100 km, snowmobile ride along the groomed trails of Haliburton Forest.

Enjoy a beautiful day of snowmobiling to benefit Easter Seal Kids. Riders are treated to food and warm drinks. For more information on this event or to get your pledge sheet, contact David Zilstra at 754-1781 or Easter Seals at 1-800-668-6252.

Information Coordinator

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Please contact Seana or Kristy for more information at 457-9100, visit www.cottagedreams.org or email *info@cottagedreams.org*

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more industrial clients," Brian acknowledges, "they need items like industrial and mechanical panel tags on control panels and the like, and I'm ramping up to expand the business."

Dealing Locally

When dealing with manufacturers outside the county it can take some time to get your tags or stamps designed and made to your specification. There is also the possibility that a mistake can be made on the stamp, at which time the whole ordering process has to be repeated, not to mention the time it takes to remake your order and to ship it up.

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You can contact Brian Chambers at Harris Stamps 1011 Judge Jordan Rd, RR #3 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Phone: 705-286-1707 Fax: 705-286-4619 e-mail: harrisstamps@interhop.com

Pictured is Brian Chambers and a sample of some of Harris Stamps products.

The Christmas Moose

by George Farrell

The scent drifted gently through the woods carried by the fair breeze which wafted over the frozen, snow-covered earth. The scent was foreign, yet somehow familiar. Forage, and the unmistakable aroma of similar life-forms; that pungent, sweet smell, that her large nose and olfactory senses told her was mammal, alive, and young. She was drawn to it. Something about the sweetness, and the promise of..... ? She knew not what. But it drew her closer still. And there they were, two of them. Youngsters as she suspected. Like her, yet not like her. She smelled other life-forms too; flightless birds, wolf-like creatures with different voices, and others that she couldn't recognize. But it was the two small youngsters which stirred her responses; that pulled her.

The youngsters sensed her too, yet the soundless messages she received from them were ones of cautious tranquility. They felt safe. So, she did too. She proceeded up the treeless narrow passage towards the area that enclosed them. They couldn't come to her, so she walked to them, ever closer. She heard the sound from within the structure. Saw the two legged creatures look in her direction. She knew she had been seen, but the urge was too great, and she sensed no danger. She had to make contact, and slowly but with deliberation, she advanced to a point where she could observe the youngsters from a safe vantage point.

"I was just going outside to do my chores. The dogs were barking. I saw four long legs and a brown body go behind our horse trailer. Our Great Dane Sassy followed it, and chased it back down the dive, to the road. At first we thought it was the neighbour's horse. Then I saw the nose. There were no antlers. Sassy came back and we assumed the moose was gone. Ten or fifteen minutes later the moose was back at the end of the drive, looking in. I brought the dogs inside and the moose came right back into the yard and she went straight over to the 2 young miniature horses, which we keep in a separate paddock. They're yearlings. She walked back and forth along the outside of the fence. The horses were nervous for a while, but soon they went over, and the horses and the moose touched noses, and smelled each other through the fence."

What a wonderful thing to have happen on Christmas day, but it got better, as Barb and Hugh Trask went on to relate. Hugh is retired and Barb drives a school bus. They have young son Christopher 7, to look after, as well as of all the animals. The menagerie consists of 6 miniature horses, 2 goats, 10 chickens, 50 Guinea Fowl, 4 ducks, a rabbit, Sassy, Cookie the border-collie lab mix, and 3 cats.

"The moose was around all of Christmas Day," Barb says. "I guess she was about 3 years old and about 700 lbs," says Hugh, who is a seasoned, long-bow hunter. "I drive 1500 miles to up near Marathon to go moose hunting, and I didn't get any this year. And here was this moose in our own backyard."

"Even if it was in moose hunting season, I would have protected

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her," Barb interjects. "She stayed right around the paddock, and she'd only go maybe 25 feet into the woods, around the hemlocks and soft maple. Cookie was out there with her, but the dog didn't go near the moose, because one time the moose put the run on the dog. She put her head down and charged a couple of paces."

"All dogs are like wolves to moose," says Hugh. "The moose was a bit nervous for the first couple of days, but by day 3 or 4 you could get within 15 or 20 feet of her. On the 30th, when it was getting dark, we saw her just step over the fence, like it wasn't there, and she got right in with the young horses."

"She didn't eat any of their food," Barb continues. "We think she was just protecting them, and she wanted to play with the young mare. Our mature stallion in the other pen was all excited because he thought it was a big mare," she laughs, "and maybe he thought he'd get lucky," though that would be a bit of a stretch.

On the 31st the moose, which Barb named Molly, spent the whole day in the paddock with the yearlings. "She just lay down with the horses and they all had a nap," Barb says incredulously. She wanted to get in the shelter with them, but the entrance wasn't tall enough for her.

Hugh states that "there's been moose around before, but this was the closest. Young Christopher thought that it was really exciting, and we invited some family and friends to come over to have a look. Bart Hilhorst from the MNR came over because we were a bit worried about disease, but he said she was pretty healthy, no mange. They can sometimes get a brainworm that causes them to do unusual things, and goats can catch it, but as I say she was a healthy moose, in really good shape. I almost guarantee that she was with-calf, and would have a calf in the spring," Hugh concludes.

"Or she may have lost a calf this past fall, and the little horses attracted her," suggests Barb. "She wasn't interested in the older horses, but she smelled the young ones and seemed protective of them. Yes, I think she lost her calf, and she was just lonely. It was like an extra Christmas present. By the third day we'd go and call her 'Molly Moose,' and she'd come out from behind the shed and look at us. I talked to her from day one."

On the first day of the New year the Trasks saw her in the morning, but by 10 am she'd wandered away. In the evening she was seen again in the thicket. "And that was the last that we saw of her."

There was a change in the air. It was crisper. She could see her breath, and the need for warmth and sustenance was proving a greater urge now than the two mysterious small animals she had spent time with. They had proved impervious to her urging, and she had realized that their short legs would not take them over the enclosure to freedom. The deep woods pulled her away, and with a last, long look back at the small creatures who had attracted her, she melted into the trees, and the wilderness claimed her once again.

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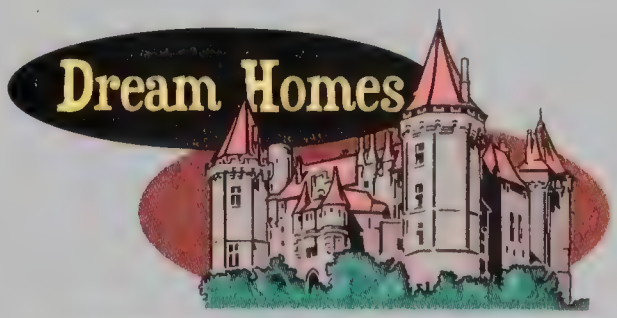

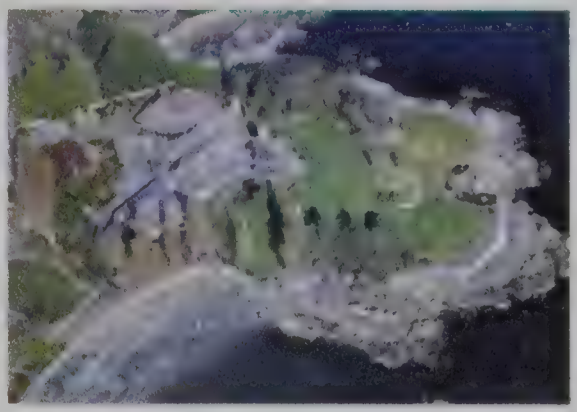

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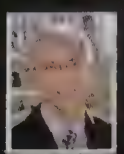
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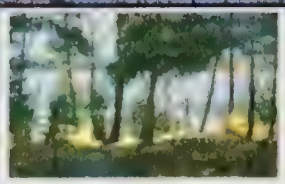


Maple Lake - $369,000

3525 sq ft on 2 floors. 3 lg bdrms, den, 2 family rooms, living room, 2 baths, & 1 jacuzzi & shower ensuite, solid oak kitchen, dining room with greenhouse window effect & new skylights, cold cellar, lg storage area Possible apartment in lower level.

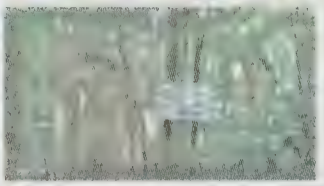
Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel *

Industrial Park Haliburton - $99,500

Looking to start your own business? Check out this acre lot property in Industrial Park Over 2200 sq. ft. building with 3 phase hydro Building has dirt floor and is partially open so you can do with it as you please. Serviced municipal road to property

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel *

Two Lots - Take Your Pick or Buy Both...



Well treed 2.75 acre building lot in area of new homes and cottages. Near public access to Basshaunt Lake. Close to Sir Sams ski hill Adjacent 3 acre lot also for sale. Both Lots are only **$24,900.00 each - buy one or buy both**

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel *

Kushog Lake - $370,000

One of the best sand beaches on the lake Clean and tidy 3 bedroom cottage with open concept living area. Beautiful stone fireplace and sliding door to large deck Easy year round access off municipal road

Tom Gardner *

Bob Lake - $159,000

Private waterfront lot. Spectacular view of the main part of the lake. Driveway in with building site cleared and hydro service on pole. Lot has 140 feet of west facing frontage with over 7 acres to secure privacy. Stairs from upper deck down to deck at water's edge. Bob Lake is over 200' deep with great fishing

Tom Gardner *

Sorry it's sold !! $99,900
Call me to view others!!

Charming 2 bedroom starter/retirement home or use as a getaway! Western exposure, view of Boshkung Lake and close to snowmobile ski, hiking, ATV and water trails

Lindsay Elder **

Grass Lake - 5 Lake Chain - $419,000

"Imagine yourself by the roaring fire after a day skiing at Sir Sam's or snowmobiling, or cross-county skiing or snow shoeing - all of your winter passions can be satisfied here and yet you're still within walking distance to all of Haliburton's amenities"

Lindsay Elder **

Minden - Great View of Downtown $159,000

In town home with a view of Beautiful downtown Minden! 3 large bedrooms, main floor laundry. Private setting

David Lee *

Surrounded by Crown Land $259,000

Spacious and comfortable 2 bedroom home/cottage, 265 feet waterfront on a small 80 acre lake surrounded by 3,000 acres of crown land. 1 of 2 properties on the lake. private and sunset view

David Lee *

East Moore Lake - $399,900

Prime gentle sloping well treed private lot with 203 feet frontage on Moore Lake chain South exposure with rare combination of sand beach and rock point. Two self contained fully serviced 3 bedroom cottages on property ideal for guest or rental income

Chris James *

Canning Lake - $259,900

GREAT STARTER!! Charming three bedroom cottage at the mouth of a sheltered bay on prestigious Canning Lake (5lake chain). Enjoy sunsets from the deck, swim at the sand beach, go water skiing or fish in one of the many bays & inlets, 3 season retreat.

Chris James *

Coffee Shop/Internet Cafe - $49,900

RACHEL'S BAKERY' Prime Haliburton Main Street location Stunning open concept space with vaulted beamed ceiling - outdoor patio use available - ample parking - wheelchair accessible located in the restored 'Village Barn' shop area Price includes 'turn key' set-up with equipment over $50,000 Rachel's Bakery' name to be retained by current owner - will continue to supply baked goods

Anthony vanLieshout ***

Haliburton Laundromat - $64,900

Long time established Haliburton Laundromat only one in village, on town sewers, convenient in-town location with parking. Neat and clean operation, all equipment as viewed and business Numerous recent upgrades 'Turn Key' set-up with limited time involvement, existing owner will help train. Ideal opportunity. Lease available

Anthony vanLieshout ***

Grace River - $249,900

Private double waterfront lot with 205 ft frige on Grace River Boating access to Grace & Dark lakes. Circular driveway, and ample parking 1500 sq ft modern, open concept home plus partially finished w/o basement. Detached double heated/insulated garage and lakeside boathouse/bunkie, decking & dock. Features modern eat-in kitchen with appliances, mn flr office, master bedrm with ensuite, propane fireplace, jacuzzi. **Anthony vanLieshout *****

Drag Lake - $424,900

Totally renovated 1570 sq. ft open concept 4 bdrm, 2 bath, home/cottage on level lot on Drag Lake Private gated driveway, clean sand shore Extensive lakeside decking, maple hardwood floors, pine trim and doors throughout, pine kitchen, dining room walkout to deck, living room wood airtight on stone hearth and pine 4-season sunroom Finished recreation & laundry rooms, high efficiency propane furnace, drilled well and eco flow septic.

Marcia Prenger *

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Prime Commercial Lot - $129,000

....in Minden`s downtown, with the scenic Gull River (leads to Gull Lake), just across the street. Reopen the Beaver Theatre or convert the building/lot to your own requirements. Own a piece of Minden`s heritage.

Patti & Hal Johnson **

One of a Kind Property - $649,900

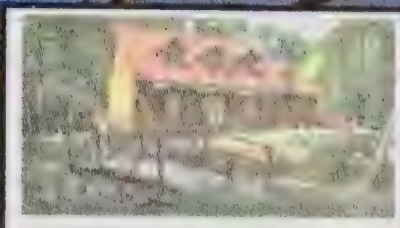
Have you ever wanted your own private retreat? Picture this...2000` of SW lake frontage bounded by rivers on both sides with 135 acres of mixed forest. All this & a sand beach! To get you started there is a huge garage with full loft above, covered picnic area & ample storage buildings.

Patti & Hal Johnson **

Wonderland Rd. - $274,900

Custom built 'Timber Frame' home on 1.47 acre lot w expansive view overlooking the lake, & within 100 meters of Kashagawigamog (5 Lake Chain) lake access over open road allowance (access off driveway #1282). Energy efficient insulated concrete form construction with lower level radiant floor heating (including garage). Cathedral beamed interior features; pine ceilings & floors, fireplace, Maple kitchen, main floor laundry, large master bedroom w/ensuite and walk-in closet, plus loads more

Chris James *



4 Bdrm Log Home - $288,800

True North' custom log home overlooking crown land. Close to Haliburton. Insulated garage, newer custom pine kitchen w antique cook stove on granite hearth, main flr laundry, screen porch, huge master bedrm w ensuite/jacuzzi tub, front covered veranda, wired for backup generator plus loads more

Marcia Prenger *

Scotch Line Rd. - $129,000

Great starter home only minutes from town of Minden. Constructed from century old logs, two bedrooms, new furnace & roof in 2002 Level lot, year round paved municipal road High speed wireless internet to be assumed by buyer. Seller is related to Registered Real Estate Sales Person

Ed Gibbons *

Carnarvon - $189,000

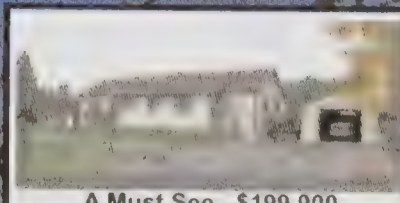
1450 sq. ft. 4 bedroom bungalow with renovated kitchen, new steel roof and solarium, close to public boat launch on Halls & Hawk Lakes. Deeded access to Kennisis River off Big Hawk Lake Road. Trust Schedule in LBO must accompany all Offers

Ed Gibbons *

Gull Lake - $1,090,000

Privacy Plus. Excellent 3 bedroom 4 season Panabode cottage with cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors, natural stone fireplace, sauna, hot tub, and much more on a natural rugged setting with 377 ft frontage on Gull Lake. Clean, deep, smooth shoreline, panoramic view. Call Al Mayo for appt. to view.

Al Mayo *



A Must See - $199,900

1,464 sq ft home with large master bedroom& oversized ensuite, a pine lined dining room with a walk out to a Muskoka room. Modern, kitchen, large comfortable living room, main floor laundry, one 4 pce and a 3 pce bathroom with new ceramic tiles. Nicely landscaped lot and the backyard is totally fenced in. Paved double driveway leads to a 2 car detached garage and workshop and a garden tool shed

Al Mayo *

Value Priced - $50,000

2 bedroom home. Located in adult community only 5 minutes from Minden. Land lease includes garbage pick-up and snow removal. Well kept home ready to move in and enjoy, includes furniture. Water charge of $16.00 /month

Vince Jarvis*

Halls Lake - $515,000

3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage. Open concept living. Huge master BR, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests.

Vince Jarvis *

12 Mile Lake - $450,000

Year round winterized cottage on Twelve Mile Lake. Gentle sloping lot with fantastic view. Features large family room with airtight, heated water line, air conditioning, central vac, laundry room, mudroom & storage sheds.

Barry Warren *

Peach Lake - $469,900

Gorgeous 3 BR + den home/cottage on 2 acres w/ 300 + shoreline on Peach Lk Cedar walls to a vaulted ceiling, breathtaking sunset view of lake enhances the L.R. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Bunkie & metal storage shed.

Barry Warren *

Halls Lake - $429,900

Prime direct waterfront estate/development lot with approx 1000 ft of frontage on prestigious Halls Lake. Easy access off Hwy #35 - 2 older cottages and derelickt boathouse on the site. Expansive view - Clean shoreline - A Rare Opportunity!!

91.5 Acres - $385,000

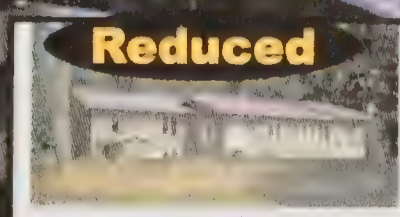
Stunning country home on 91.5 acres. This property includes a 1 1/2 storey century home, a bank barn with stone foundation. A detached garage and a large commercial building (ideal for various business uses). This commercial building are located on 7.5 acres that is zoned Commercial.Call for a detailed list of the many features included in this home.

Anthony vanLieshout ***

Percy Lake - $729,900

A rare find one of a kind large very private level lot 1.8 acre point lot and cottage with 810' frontage on prestigious Percy Lake. Multiple exposure with a combination of deep rocky shoreline and sandy frontage. 3 bdrm open concept 1200 sq.ft. cottage with a unique fireplace and cedar siding. Towering mature trees on this natural lot also consisting of a bunkie, dry boathouse and your own boatlaunch

Chris & Michelle Smolarz *



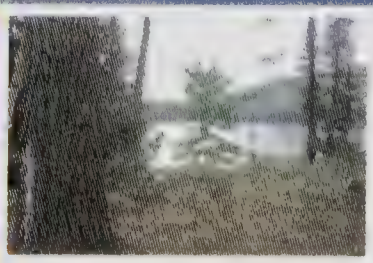
Loon Lake - $349,900

Royal Home on a very private 30-acre lot with 401 ft frontage on Loon Lake access across road. Double attached insulated garage & large double detached garage. Manicured & landscaped setting with in ground sprinklers Also mixed bush with trials. 200 amp service with a generator back up & H.R.V. filter system. 2 bedroom bunkie and Quonset hut

Chris & Michelle Smolarz *

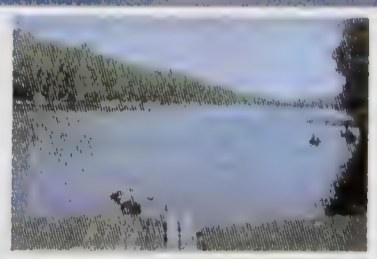
Vacant Land

Call Anthony vanLieshout ***



Prime private 508 ft frontage lot with expansive lake view. Hydro on property, driveway & potential building site cleared, nice shoreline. GST included. An exclusive lake community of only 27 lots on beautiful Growler Lake

$249,900

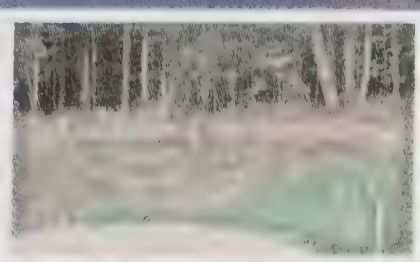


LONG Prime well treed direct waterfront lot with 100 ft frontage on 2 lake chain (Long/Miskwabi) Superb year round municipal access (dead end paved road)- driveway installed and potential building site cleared, hydro and phone available at road- lakeside decking/docking in place. Ideal lot for your dream home/cottage!

$149,900

KASHAGAWIGAMOG Prime direct waterfront private 3-acre parcel with 132 feet frontage on prestigious Kashagawigamog (5-lake chain). Easy year round municipal road access, driveway installed and potential building site area cleared

$149,900



Beautiful well treed 31-acre parcel with superb access directly off Hwy 35. Mature mixed bush with nice Beech tree stand, driveway entrance installed Hydro & phone available Ideal retreat

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Spot the Differences

Now you See it... now you Don't...

Can you spot the 10 differences in these pictures?

See answers on pg. 36

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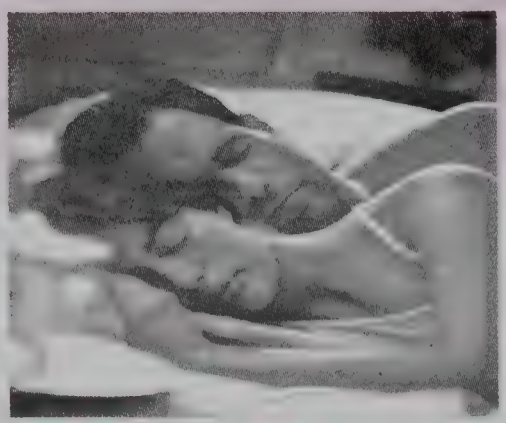

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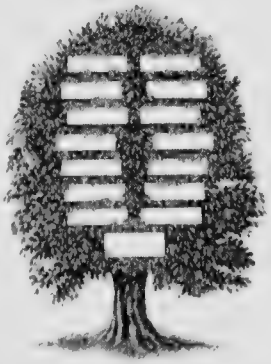
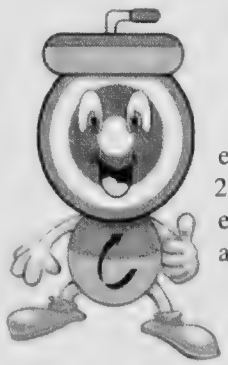


Are you interested in your family history? A workshop will be held in the afternoon on January 23rd, 2008, beginning at 1:00 pm at the Minden United Church, Newcastle Street, Minden.

The use of the genealogical software program, "Family Tree Maker" will be demonstrated on a large projection screen. You will learn how to enter data to record and maneuver around within the software to make the best use of any information you already have about your family or ancestors.

There is no charge, donations accepted. For more information, please call Jeanette Campbell at 286-6359.

Curl for the Arts, a Fun Fundraiser



Minden Curling Club, Minden, Saturday, January 19

Help raise money for the arts while enjoying a day curling on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 at the Minden Curling Club. No experience necessary, 2 six end games, lunch available.

The cost is $30.00 per person including dinner. Register as a team or single by contacting John or Marie Lennard at 286 3037 or lennards@interhop.net.

Statistics
Did you know...

In the 1990s, in response to a quiz conducted at the National Science Foundation, only 48 percent of Americans answered the following true/false question correctly: "The earliest human beings lived at the same time as the dinosaurs." The correct answer, as you know doubt knew, is "false." This quiz was used to determine how much American adults know about basic science.

Mortgage? How much can you afford?

Do you want to own your own home but you don't know how much you can afford? Let me show you.

The following examples will help you figure out how much of a mortgage you qualify for based on your income and credit score. The credit score does effect the amount you can borrow. A very good credit score allows a lender to use 44% of your pre tax income but, the most commonly used is 42% which is what we'll use today. I am also going to assume an interest rate of 6% and amortization of 40 years.

Let's assume a couple has a total household income of $50,000. 42% of $50,000 is $21,000. You then divide $21,000 by 12 months ($21,000/12) = $1750.

$1750.00 is the monthly amount that can go towards servicing all of your monthly credit expenses including your mortgage payment, heat and property taxes.

Let's assume again that this couple only has credit card (cc) debt and their monthly payment is $200.00. To calculate the mortgage amount this couple would qualify for you would take:

$1750. - $200.(cc) - $75.(heat) - $75.(property tax) = $1400.00 which can go towards a mortgage payment. Therefore, this couple would qualify for a mortgage of $256,839.27.

Following the same example as above, let's now assume this couple also has a car loan and a student loan for a total monthly payment of $600.00. They would only qualify for a mortgage of $146,765.30.

($1750. - $200. - $75 - $75 - $600(loan payment) = $800.

As this article and my previous ones have shown, each person's situation is different and by being pre approved for a mortgage you eliminate any surprises and can invest your time effectively looking for the right home. I know from experience how disappointing it is to have your heart set on a home and be turned down by the bank.

So, come in and see me first for free service, free top advice and no obligations.

I will be hosting a mortgage seminar, please call me to find out more information.

Do you want to pay less income tax?

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It's the Law

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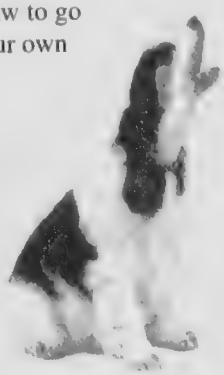
In New York State, it's against the law to go fishing in your own back yard on Sundays!



A law in New York made it illegal for dogs to bark continuously for more than fifteen minutes. First time offenders are fined fifty dollars, second-time offenders one hundred dollars, third- time offenders were jailed for fifteen days!

In Pu'uhonu O Honuahau, Hawaii, Ancient laws called "Kapu" forbade anyone from landing his canoe on a royal beach or letting his shadow fall on palace grounds!

"Cityspire," a skyscraper in New York City, was fined by the City Department of Environmental Protection for whistling!

Crazy But True Law Suits

Busted Up Side the Head

Bennie Casson filed a lawsuit in Belleville, Ill., against PT's Show Club for its negligence in allowing a stripper to "slam" her breasts into his "neck and head region" as he watched her, a little too close to the stage. Casson claims in his lawsuit that dancer Susan Sykes (aka "Busty Heart"), who claims to have show business's biggest chest at 88 inches, gave him a "bruised, contused, lacerated" neck. Carson has filed suit claiming that the "gifted" performer slammed her breasts into his head and neck, causing "emotional distress, mental anguish and indignity." The $200,000 lawsuit states that Carson was "bruised, contused, lacerated and made sore" by Heart's breasts, which reportedly weigh in at 40 pounds apiece.

OPP Cracking Down

On Motorists Who Don't Move To The Left When Passing Emergency Vehicles Parked On The Side Of The Road

Ontario Provincial Police officers will be cracking down on motorists who don't slow down or move to the left when passing emergency vehicles parked on the side of the road with their emergency lights flashing.

OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino pointed out that there have been two incidents in the past week in which motorists have collided with OPP vehicles – one on Highway 401 westbound in the Cambridge area and another where an OPP officer from the Nottawasaga Detachment was injured when he was hit by a vehicle during a traffic stop.

In a third case, a motorist drove into the back of a fire truck that was parked on the side of the highway while responding to a collision on Highway 401 in Toronto.

To increase safety, Ontario's Highway Traffic Act requires motorists when approaching a police, fire or ambulance vehicle stopped with its emergency lights flashing in the same direction of travel, either in a lane or on the shoulder of a road or highway, to slow down and pass with caution. If the road has two or more lanes, the motorist must move over into another lane, if it can be done safely. Failing to do so can result in the following:

First offence - $400 to $2,000, plus three demerit points upon conviction and possible suspension of driver's licence for up to two years. Subsequent offence (within five years) - $1,000 to $4,000 fine, possible jail time up to six months and possible suspension of driver's licence for up to two years.

"The legislation regarding passing emergency vehicles was passed in April 2003," Fantino said, "so it's not something new. Motorists have a responsibility to know and obey the Highway Traffic Act".

"We have had two officers injured in a week and extensive damage done to two cruisers," Fantino said. "That's totally unacceptable and won't be tolerated. Officers put their lives on the line every time they make a traffic stop but they shouldn't have to worry about irresponsible drivers who don't obey the law".

"I have ordered a crackdown on violators. We will be using extra patrol vehicles, including unmarked vehicles, to enforce the law."

In the first incident, an officer was parked on the side of the highway in front of a vehicle that had been involved in a minor collision and had the driver in his OPP cruiser when an 18-year-old female drove into the back of the first car, pushing it into the OPP cruiser. The back car was destroyed and the OPP cruiser received extensive damage.

The OPP officer, the driver of the car involved in the first collision and the female driver were all sent to hospital for treatment.

In the second incident, on January 4, at approximately 12:30 a.m. a Nottawasaga OPP officer was investigating a single motor vehicle rollover which occurred on Highway #89 just west of the 2nd Concession of Adjala-Tosorontio Township.

The officer had parked his cruiser on the north side of the road with its rear emergency lights activated. Numerous emergency vehicles and emergency personnel were actively working at the scene in order to free the driver of the rolled over vehicle. All emergency vehicles had their emergency lighting activated.

While standing beside the driver's side door of the police cruiser, the officer was struck by a passing Dodge Caravan. The officer was treated in hospital for minor injuries and released later that day.

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Lange on the Law

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Road Access Act and the Court of Appeal

The *Road Access Act* was passed in 1978 to address confrontations that may arise between neighbours who use private roads to reach their property and neighbours who own the private roads. The Honourable Mr. D. McKeough introduced the legislation stating that the government intended "to prevent the arbitrary closing of private roads, especially in cottage country where owners or tenants are totally dependent on these roads for access to their property." The Act is a short statute containing only eight sections but the court decisions over the years have not always been clear and helpful. In 2007, two decisions have been decided by the Ontario Court of Appeal providing authoritative meaning to the Act. The Act applies to prevent a property from being landlocked. The Court of Appeal has held that, where there is an "alternate road access" to the property, the second road access may be closed by the owner. A user may have only one road access over the owner's property. The Court made it clear that the alternate road access must be a usable, existing road. For example, it cannot be a road that has been abandoned for 40 or 50 years and has become overgrown with brush, and it cannot be an unopened road allowance, of which there are many in cottage counrty.

The Court also emphasized that the Act confers on users of an access road only a very limited, temporary right to use the road. The Court adopted, with approval, the following summary from a trial judgment describing this limited statutory right:

"In the end, and in the narrow situations to which it does apply, it creates no proprietary right or interest in the land over which the access road passes. It provides an interim status to the access user whereby the access user is immunized from an action in trespass when travelling on the access road in a motor vehicle for purposes of access only (see Deluca; Cook's Road Maintenance). He or she may not walk on it, use it for their own purposes (except vehicular passage for access purposes only), play on it, or disrupt it. The access user cannot grant the use of the road to others. The access user cannot convey any right to the road on a sale of the parcel of land; Whitmell v. Ritchie, supra. The Road Access Act does not affect property rights, but subjects them to the continued limited use of the road unless and until the owner obtains, after proper notice and hearing, a court order closing the road on whatever conditions are imposed; Cooks Road Maintenance, at para. 45. And, if another access road is subsequently provided, the access user's continuing status under s. 2 ceases because alternate access would then exist."

In the next column, I will be talking about the limitation periods in litigation.

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3900 Saturdays - A Life Lesson...

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the garage with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it: I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whom-ever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. It's too bad you missed your daughter's "dance recital" he continued. "Let me tell you something that has helped me keep my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years".

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part.

It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays." "I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear.

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There's nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 Year old Man, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter.

Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles.

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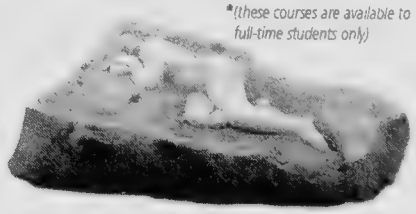

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It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

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If you're looking for some fantastic winter family fun c'mon out and make a delightful memory at the Pearson Family's Annual **Community Sleigh Ride**, **Sat. Jan 19** at noon on Galway Road. The afternoon offers Sleigh Rides with a huge cabin to warm up in where you can socialize and enjoy a down home lunch. A bonfire outside promises to keep you toasty too. Cost for the afternoon frolic is minimal. This year proceeds will be donated to completing the rink at Kinmount Arena. What a great way to have some fun and support our arena at the same time!

Here's some welcome news for our community. Beginning Feb. 6 Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes is expanding its services in our area by offering an Adult Day Program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Burnt River Community Centre. The service will run every Wednesday providing various social, physical and recreational activities for those who are challenged with physical or memory impairment, suffer from loneliness, depression, poor nutrition or who are under care of families who need respite from their caregiver responsibilities. Along with professional quality care, programs will include hobbies, crafts, exercise, bingo, other games, discussion groups, music, sensory stimulation, special events, lunch and snacks. For more information call 340-3278.

Remember to call me at (705) 488-2919 or E-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. Special events coming up include:

Jan. 19 - Stop in at the **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., downstairs at the library to discover treasures at reasonable prices.

Ongoing activities and events:

Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach Program: Full pre-school program with free lunch at Kinmount Community Centre, Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 324-7900 for info.

Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders: Girls meet Monday nights for fun & adventure from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. For information call 488-2919.

Kinmount Martial Arts: Tuesday & Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Call Marion at 488-2612 for more info.

Seniors Cards: Pot luck lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by bid euchre at 1:00 p.m. and euchre Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Exercise Classes for **"49 & holding"** at Kinmount Community Centre. Drop in Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Contact Janet at 488-2630 for info.

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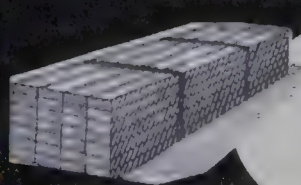

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The Farm:

New Indoor Arena Makes Riding Lessons and Equine Training Into A Year Round Business

by George Farrell

The Farm really isn't one; at least it's not a farm in the commonly acknowledged understanding of what a farm is. Rather it's a training ground for horses, and for young people who want to learn how to ride, or improve their abilities in various equestrian disciplines.

On a cold and wintery day late in December of the year just passed, I ventured to The Farm, and not surprisingly was met by a young woman, who turned out to be Jenny Chatterton, a long time employee and manager. I say 'not surprisingly' because every horsey establishment I've ever been to, and I've visited a few, has been peopled almost exclusively by women and girls. My mind twigged to a potentially interesting and revealing story or video documentary about gender and the horsey set, but that's another project for another day.

Meeting Proprietor Lorrie McCauley would have to wait awhile, as I was informed by Jenny that she was out helping a neighbour get her car out of a snowbank. Jenny, is a bright-eyed smiling young woman who led me into the house, to await Lorries arrival. Almost immediately, just as I was taking off my coat and surveying my rustic surroundings, another young woman entered the living room. She was introduced to me as Katie Ross. Katie is a fixture at the farm as a student, and as an assistant; (the equine equivalent of a gym or rink rat, I surmised.). As waiting is not something that I do particularly well, I decided to gather information by interviewing both Jenny and Katie.

Jenny 22 has been working at The Farm "for about 9 or ten years", and she has been riding here "since I was about 11". I asked Jenny a leading question, and what I got in response was a succinct reply. "We do training of horses from birth to whenever. We do breaking in, and we give lessons in Equestrian, Western, and pleasure, from beginners to advanced. In summer we have a day camp where kids can come, from Monday to Friday, and ride twice a day. They learn how to take care of a horse and they also play at crafts and games. On Fridays we take the kids out on trail rides, where they learn how to ride and control the horse. We play games on horses like Simon Says, and Pass the Carrot, or Red light, Green Light. We like them to look on The Farm as their other home."

Katie Ross is 17. She's a tall, beamingly blond young woman, who attends the local high school. She moved to our area from Lindsay 2 years ago. She will be going next year to an academy in the States which features riding, as part of the curriculum. In the meantime she helps out at the farm and is a member of the HHHS equestrian team. "There's a school riding team, and Lorrie coaches and trains the students in equestrian. Most of us are already experienced riders and we ride in competition against other schools." Katie will later show me her technique over several jumps in the new indoor arena, which is the latest feature at The Farm.

Just as I was beginning to think that proprietor Lorrie McCauley was an off-stage character in the mold of Goddo, in she walked, red cheeked and full of energy from her exertions of performing that Highlands past-time *'pulling the neighbour out of the snowbank.'* Like Jenny she is small of stature, but large on vitality. Lorrie is an Equine Canada certified coach and judge. Originally

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from Toronto, where she was "showing and riding," she moved up in '89. She pulls up a chair at the dining room table around which we are gathered, takes of her coat and sits down. "What do you want to know," she asks in that direct manner which seems to be part of the equine women's way with words.

First off we talk about why girls are so predominant where horses are concerned. "I don't know why that is, maybe it's because equestrian is one of the only sports where men and women compete as equals, even at the Olympic level. At this level it's almost exclusively female, but when you get to the higher levels of competition it tends to be male dominated. I don't know where they come from" We have a laugh at the comment and then move to questions aimed at eliciting more of an in-depth response than those posed to Katie and Jennie. Like them though, Lorries answers are direct and unveiled. "Up here the prevailing style is Western, but we also do English. We get horses and riders ready for horse shows and events where you're judged by how you look on the horse and how well the horse behaves. These are events in showmanship and halter classes which feature the presentation of horse and rider together. We teach Western Games which are some of the events you see in rodeos; like barrel racing, pole bending (weaving in and out of poles), flag racing, and pulling a pole out of a barrel. We teach English Hunter and Jumper. In the Hunter category the jumps are not as high as in Jumper, but you're judged on style and pace. In Jumper the emphasis is on time and a clean ride, and in both disciplines there are deductions for fences knocked down by the horse."

From the living room of the farm house we proceed to the newly built indoor riding arena. All of us appear to be able to walk and chew gum at the same time, so conversing while perambulating poses no problems. Just inside the barn, which leads directly to the arena, several horses are stabled, winter coats predominant. "We also board horses for people," Lorrie informs. Right now we have 11 boarders. We build more stalls as we need them. Jenny and I can build or take down a stall in 45 minutes." At this statement I received a look which might have been interpreted as *"and I bet that's quicker than two of you could do it."* Maybe it was merely my reaction to so much feminine competence in an area one might think would be manly. I shrugged and we moved on. "I've been here 19 years, and we've pretty much ironed out stuff," Lorrie continues. "It's the winters that are bothersome." This is as close as any of the women would get to a complaint. " The indoor arena makes it easier. We couldn't do training and riding lessons in the winter without the arena."

Now I don't know whether any of you have ever been in a barn or one of these indoor arenas in the winter, but the cold and damp seemed to settle in like a mean-spirited virus. I took out my trusty camera for some pics and my fingers almost froze to the body. Jenny was putting a horse through its paces. She had the horse lope around the perimeter of an enclosed circular metal pen, which had been set up within the vast arena. "This is the first year for the arena," Lorrie states, as we both look at Jenny and the horse doing their thing. "The clubs that we show against all have their own indoor arenas, so we were always 6 months behind on conditioning with our horses and riders. We pretty much do the same thing as in the summer with riding and training now, so it puts us on a level playing field with the other clubs. It's also the first year that we're having a winter camp, and we don't know what to expect yet.

Lorrie expounded on the virtues of the round pen. "The round pen is a godsend. When horses are starting out (to be trained), they tend to go into a corner and it's hard to get them out. This way there are no corners, so it's less stress on horse and everybody. It's the perfect place to break a horse in. It's portable, and it only takes about 15 minutes to erect or break down."

As Lorrie and I have been talking Katie has been saddling her horse and setting up some low jumps for our photo op.' She mounts up on a grey and does a couple of turns around the arena for a warm up, the air steaming like dragons breath from the nostrils of her mount. I direct the location of the jump for the lighting conditions, which were to say the least, problematic, and Katie proceeded to effortlessly take her horse over the hurdle. Try as I might I couldn't get the lighting, the flash and the position of the horse over the jump to sync up, and my fingers were by this time petrified, along with the rest of me. To get the jump was imperative after all the trouble the girls had gone to. What I eventually decided to do was to put the camera in video mode, in order to lift the perfect frame when I got home-ah, the marvels of the digital age.

After the demonstrations in the arena we high-tailed it back to the warmth of the farmhouse, there to be met by an awaiting Lynn Nanos, she of the vehicle stuck in the snowbank. Lynn proved to

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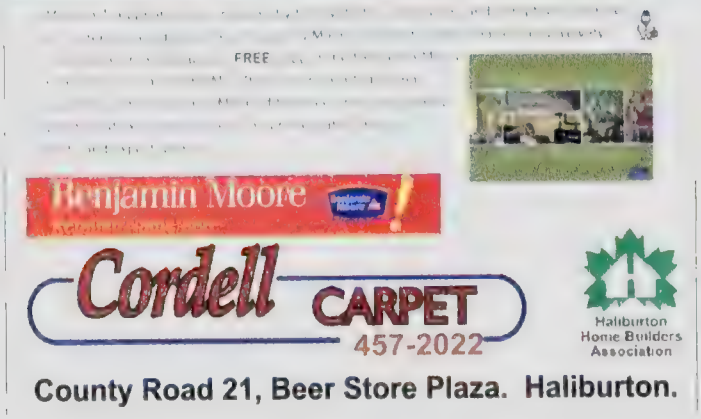

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be loquacious, and in fact she could quite easily have been a publicity agent for Lorrie and The Farm. I quite happily wrote down her song of praise. "I brought my horse here and I board him here. His name is Studly. (And didn't that bring a whole bunch of unasked questions to mind?) I bought him when he was a baby and he's been boarding here for 12 years. I've had him in other places, but here he's in horsey heaven. I've learned to really ride here. I asked Lorrie for a couple of lessons, and I quickly learned how to ride my horse properly and inter-react with my horse. Before he was nervous, but he became so calm here. I now have a 6 year old little girl. She learned here and went to her first show and she won a ribbon at the County Fair in Minden. She won $15 and she was so happy. She'd be here every day if I let her." Now, if pulling somebody out of a snow bank elicits that kind of pay-back, maybe I should be touring the roads an back lane-ways with snow tires and chain at the ready. But seriously, Lynn's story said it all about The Farm for me, and I could see that Lorrie was appreciative of the comments from her friend, as she succinctly summed up with; "now with the indoor arena we're basically open all year, and we can offer kids a place to ride after school and on weekends, so after a while I anticipate more business year round."

I think it's a pretty safe bet on business increasing on a year round basis for The Farm. I'm also betting that a few more boys and young men will be among the new recruits.

The Farm is located at 2311 Eagle Lake Rd, Haliburton, ON, KOM 1S0. tel/fax (705) 754-4224. You can send an email to lorrie.mccauley@sympatico.ca

Pictured: Jenny Chatterton gives a horse a work-out in the circular pen; Katie Ross and horses; Jenny puts a horse through its paces; Katie takes her grey over a fence in the indoor arena; Jenny Chatterton, Proprietor Lorrie McCauley and Katie Ross

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"Well, now!" said Stanwick. The amateur logician examined the document carefully. "Second prize in the school checkers tournament. Good for Peter!"

"He's a fiend for board games," said Peter Walker's father. "Especially checkers. He and his brother also like to team up for Duopoly. I think he's about ready to learn chess."

"An important rite of passage," laughed Stanwick as he handed back the certificate. "So what has the almost-champ's dad been busy with this week?"

"I just got back from questioning two suspects in a mugging. A visiting Frenchman was hit with a club and robbed. Did you see this in today's paper?" Walker handed across a folded section of newspaper. Stanwick took it and read:

FRENCH PROFESSOR ATTACKED

"Olivier Presmonger, a professor at the University of Lyon, was attacked and robbed last evening about nine-thirty as he walked from the French cultural center on Fremont Street, where he had just concluded a lecture. His watch and his wallet, which contained both European and American currency, were taken. Presmonger is recovering at Royston General. Police are investigating."

"That part of Fremont Street is a dangerous neighborhood," Walker said. "We brought in the two suspects this morning. Simon Salomar, 32, is a career fence and occasional mugger who has lived here in Royston all his life. He has a girlfriend and a child by her. 'Little Rick' Wheaton, 27, is a burly, bald fellow who does the enforcing for a small-time racketeer downtown. He's been a suspect in several muggings, and has no family. Both have been in jail several times and are known to frequent the area of the crime."

"I see," said Stanwick, tossing the newspaper onto Walker's desk. "And how is the professor doing?"

"He has a mild concussion, but should be fine. He was struck from behind while walking back to his hotel, and remembers nothing."

"Did you have any luck with your questioning?"

"I'm not sure yet. Both men said they knew nothing about any mugging last night, so I showed them each that article. Salomar denied 'bashing the Frenchie,' but said that if he had 'he would have caved in his skull.' He said he spent last evening with his girl and his kid.

"Wheaton also denied involvement. He rents a room at the Olsen boardinghouse, and says he took a nap there in the early evening and then showed up at the Blumen Road pool hall 'about ten.' Neither therefore has a reliable alibi witness for the time of the crime."

"Presmonger! Of course!" exclaimed Stanwick. "The anthropologist. Didn't he study the prehistoric cave paintings found in the south of France last year? I knew I had heard the name somewhere."

"Anthropology is his field, yes. I'll take your word about the cave paintings."

"Presmonger, indeed," murmured Stanwick. "One of your suspects is definitely implicated in the crime, Matt."

WHOM DOES STANWICK SUSPECT?

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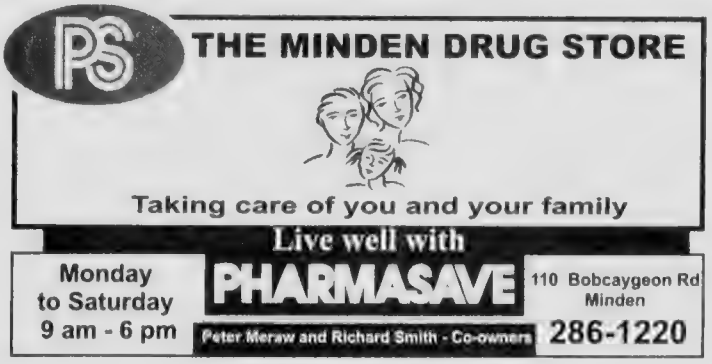
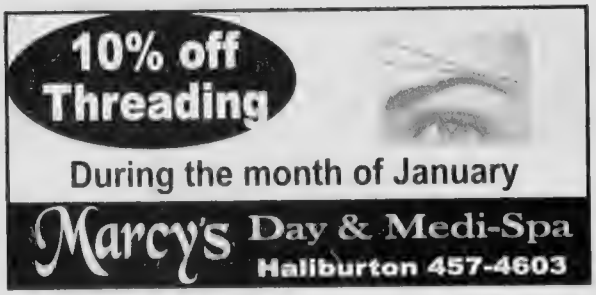
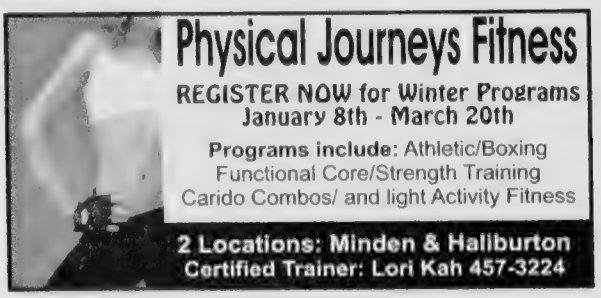


STRESS BUSTERS

Quick Tips To Lower That Stress Level

Start a "life lessons" journal, where you can record lessons you've learned from difficulties you've experienced, inspirational stories, motivational quotes, or anything else you might find helpful. Basically, you'd be developing your own personal self-help book, to refer to when you encounter trials in the futures.





Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

Nature's Pacing

When there weren't so many ways to bypass it, winter was the time for slowing down our human systems as well as the natural ones. Activities became confined to home and work. Evenings were slow and dark, with sleep beginning early and lasting long. Snow, as we still recognize today if we spend any time in it at all, creates its own deep silence, which refreshes mind and soul.

Like every success story, our technological achievements carry a shadow as well as a gift. Instead of the greater leisure originally promised by the invention of "helpful" gadgets, our "gadgets" require more attention and care than anyone ever imagined. They often seem to own us rather than the other way around. The general and most common cry of our way of life is "I don't have time." Our days have lost rhythms and structures, simple ones such as meals together, rest or reading times, storytelling or singing after supper. The loss of common rhythms fragments not only relationships, but causes individuals to live in a state of almost constant inner conflict, pulled in many directions at once, eventually leading to illness of one kind or another.

Recent scientific research bears this out. It has been found that human beings run on what are called "ultradian rhythms*." In simplest terms it means that – even throughout a single day – we need a rhythm of effort and recovery, effort and recovery, in order to be in tune with what is best for our health, mental and physical. The period of time that is best for efforting is about ninety minutes; then a break of some kind allows us to return with energy to what needs doing. Even our sleep moves in shifting waves without our being aware of it.

But the constant moving, going, doing of our present day, enhanced by pressures and opportunities offered by technology and a swirl of opportunity, seduce us into thinking we can ignore the way we are biologically made. And we can – for awhile. But the fundamental pulse of life – of everything that lives in this universe – has its claim on us human beings, whether we choose to move with it or not. Rhythmicity is, after all, our inheritance.

I stand outside among the majestic trees that now seem rooted in snow. At night, when snow shines with its particular silent light, I feel their stillness moving into me, filling my veins with rest beyond what I can achieve in the busyness of my days. I know that the trees have drawn all their sap, their lifeblood, down into their roots until the spring sun calls it up again, and I look for ways to do the same. In this way I resonate with nature's pacing, even for a few moments.

try this: **go outside some quiet evening when snow is on the ground and stand close to a large tree. Stand still and listen to your own breathing, your own rhythm. Open to receive the silence of the snow and the tree. Feel the slowing of your own rhythm for as long as you can.**

**taken from The Power of Full Engagement: Managing Energy, Not Time, is the Key to High Performance and Personal Renewal by Jim Loehr and Tony Schwartz*

Latest Spa Technologies- Threading

By Marcy's Day Spa

Many people have heard of, but have not been properly informed of the benefits of using threading instead of waxing. Threading is an age old form of hair removal practiced in India, Pakistan and the Middle Eastern countries for thousands of years. Threading is a hair removal technique used most commonly to create clean lines and shape to eyebrows.

Threading uses a piece of thread which is twisted and pulled along the area of the unwanted hair, lifting the hair directly from the follicle. "The client will feel a pinching feeling when the hair is being removed," explains Marcy. The hair is removed in smaller groups and the skin on the epidermis (the top layer of skin) suffers no trauma. With traditional hot wax, the top layer of the epidermis is removed and the client may suffer a reaction, prolonged redness, or if the wax is too hot, even blistering or welting. Over time for example, on the eyebrows, if a client has waxed for a period of time permanent skin damage will occur resulting in hypercolourpigmentation (sun damage). Common areas for this damage include the lip (casting a brown or red shadow), or on the eyebrows where the sun has hit. People with acne should not wax over the inflamed areas. "I have talked to people to see if they have been waxing and they had. The acne would never clear up over those areas because the wax removes the top layer of the acne off, so the client is never able to give the skin a chance to properly heal," explains Marcy. If you have skin acne, threading may be for you. With threading other skin conditions will not be aggravated.

Benefits of threading compared to waxing or tweezing are no mess, no products or machine required, no irritation or skin rash caused by "stripping" off a layer of skin, never breaks the hair – always removes the hair from the root – and threading can grab hairs that are too short to wax or tweeze. "When brides or someone having a special occasion want to wax the same day as the occasion, I always suggest threading," says Marcy. You can apply make-up after threading and there is little to no redness. Make-up will not stay on the face after waxing as your skin is slightly damaged so your skin repels the make-up.

They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, yes, but it is also important that the one being seen, sees the beauty they possess.

CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinic

CNIB (a United Way Member Agency) will hold a CNIB Lions Low Vision Clinic, Monday January 14th, 2008 at Queen St United Church, 35 Lindsay St N, Lindsay, from 10 am – 1pm.

CNIB staff will be present to provide vision health information, and to discuss available services and support for living with vision loss. Please join us and view a selection of innovative consumer product samples. 2008 Large Print Calendars are available.

Please note: All Low Vision Assessments are pre-scheduled from a service waiting list.

For more information, contact CNIB Peterborough at 745-6918 or 1-866-699-1699.

CLEAR THE AIR

Keep your New Year's resolution and become Smoke-Free By Kicking the Habit

Plan to start the New Year off by becoming a quitter!

Quitting smoking can be the best New Year's resolution you make to improve your health. The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team can help you plan to become a quitter. Take the first step to kicking your smoking habit by taking part in the FREE Smoke-Free Living Program offered in January.

WHAT: Smoke-Free Living Program
WHERE: Haliburton Hospital, Board Room
WHEN: 5 sessions Tuesdays, January 22 to February 19 - 3pm - 4 pm or 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
HOW TO JOIN: Register by calling (705) 286-2500, ext. 261

"This is a great way to start off the New Year", says Connie Wood, a Healthy Living Coordinator with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

Smoking is the number one preventable cause of death in Canada, with lung cancer being the most preventable of all cancers for both men and women. Smoking is also a major risk factor to heart disease, stroke and lung diseases.

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team's Smoke-Free Living Program encourages participants to share their experiences so they can draw support from each other knowing they're not alone in trying to quit. A variety of tips and resources will also be provided to people in the program. Call (705) 286-2500 for more details.

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the toboggan is shorter
the strip on his shirt is missing
The pom on her hat is bigger
strip on snowboard is difference

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Ghost Stories
Scary Tales

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Ghost Planes of Longdendale

Of all the modern-day phantoms to haunt the Longdendale Valley, perhaps the most well-known are the Phantom Bombers of the High Peak.

The moor-tops are scattered with the wreckages of dozens of World War II aircraft and reports of 'phantom' planes flying low over the valley are frequent. The most recent sighting March 1997, when Maria France and a companion had ventured up onto the moors at about 10pm to view the Hale-Bopp comet in the clear night sky. What they saw instead was a low flying plane. It was also seen by a farmer who was close by and he instinctively ducked, so convinced was he of the actuality of what he was seeing.

A short time after these sightings, a local couple heard the sound of a crash and saw an orange glow light up the sky. For fifteen hours, hundreds of emergency service personnel, tracker dogs and two helicopters searched the moorland for the stricken craft.

No trace was ever found and there were never any reports of a missing aircraft.

Who Dun-it?

Solution

"Why are you so sure?" asked Walker.

"Both said they didn't know about the crime," Stanwick explained, "yet one of them – Salomar – clearly showed he knew the professor had been struck in the head. How did he know the man had been struck rather than shot or stabbed? The paper only said the professor was 'attacked.' Salomar's the guy, Matt."

Walker picked up the phone with a grin. "It's a good thing I have the DA on speed-dial!"

Stan Smith has written three books of Stanwick mini-mysteries that have been published in nine languages. He also produces a free Monthly MysteryGram with an original mini-mystery in each issue. To learn more about mini-mysteries, or to subscribe to the Monthly MysteryGram, please visit www.stanwick-mini-mysteries.com.

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Notice of a Public Meeting

re:
Library Facilities
In Haliburton County

Take notice that Haliburton County Council will be hosting two public meetings to provide information on the rationalization of library facilities within the County of Haliburton. Haliburton County Council at their August 29, 2007-meeting passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Haliburton County Council adopt the June 13, 2007-Haliburton County Public Library Board resolution that calls on the County to provide operational funding for only one library branch in each of the four municipalities effective with the 2009 fiscal year and that those municipalities with multiple branches advise the Library Board in 2008 of their plan to meet this requirement.

The public meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday January 29, 2008 at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce Ontario

Wednesday January 30, 2008 in the Auditorium at the Frost Centre Institute, 20130 Highway 35, Township of Algonquin Highlands

An Open House will occur from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. both evenings with formal presentations from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in making a presentation at either public meeting is asked to contact Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. January 25, 2007

All presenters are requested to provide the County with a copy of their presentation at the public meeting.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2007

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There were 12 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Big Hawk Lake Marina, Rusty's Auto Service, Shamrock Service Center, Welch Garage Doors, Owner to Owner, Royal LePge, Wyjad Fleming Associates, Northwood Inn, Magic Touch Day Spa, Sharp Electric, Walkers Heating &Cooling, Marya Business Services.

The winner of the Spot Sam Contest is: Colin Williams of Fenelon Falls

11th Annual Dorset Dinner and Music Night

Dorset Recreation Centre, Saturday, January 12, 6:00pm.

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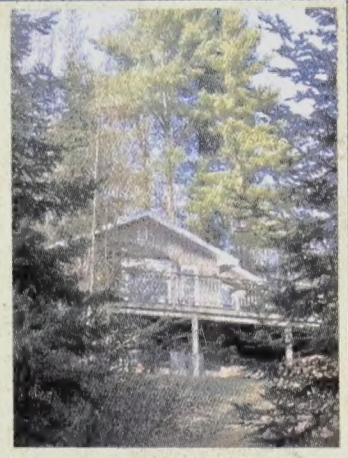

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